



**U.S. Department of Justice**

*Southern District of Indiana*

*United States Attorney*

*10 West Market Street*

*(317)226-6333*

*Suite 2100  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-3048*

*TDD (317)226-5438*

*FAX NUMBERS:*

*Criminal (317)226-6125*

*Administration (317)226-5176*

*Civil (317)226-5027*

*FLU (317) 226-6133*

*OCDETF (317)226-5953*

**January 11, 2006**

**CONTACT PERSON:**

**SUSAN W. BROOKS**

**United States Attorney**

**(317) 226-6333**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**TEXAS MAN INDICTED FOR BANK FRAUD  
AND MAIL THEFT**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that CHARLES EDWARD MINOR, 60, of Allen, Texas was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for bank fraud and mail theft, following an investigation by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

The indictment alleges that Minor undertook a bank fraud scheme whereby stolen mail was used to obtain bank account information which was then used to make fraudulent split deposits at various banks.

Minor was apprehended in Clark County, Indiana following a call by a victim/witness of one of the mail thefts from a residential mailbox. When police apprehended Minor, he was

in possession of mail stolen from eight individuals in Clark and Floyd Counties, and a laptop computer which was used to create fraudulent checks.

Subsequent investigation disclosed that the scheme described above was being carried out over many states by Minor. After a successful transaction in one location, Minor traveled to another state to avoid detection. More than ten transactions occurred before Minor was caught in Southern Indiana. The last transaction occurred at a National City Bank branch in New Albany where Minor obtained \$495.00 from a fraudulent split deposit.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who is prosecuting the case for the government, MINOR faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 30 years and a maximum possible fine of \$1,000,000 for the bank fraud charge. MINOR faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 5 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000 for the mail theft charge. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in New Albany.

**The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

###

20060111.Minor.oec.wpd